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Costa Rica: draft resolution

Proposed amendment to article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Recognizing the importance of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the extremely valuable contribution of its members to evaluating and monitoring the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by States parties,

Noting with satisfaction that the Convention on the Rights of the Child now has 181 States parties, in other words, the largest number of States parties of any of the legal instruments dealing with the fulfilment by States parties of their commitments in the field of human rights,

Noting also that the Committee on the Rights of the Child nevertheless comprises only ten experts and that they examine and help to improve the tragic, precarious situation of children in many parts of the world, who are recognized to be the most vulnerable sector of society,

Considering that the goal of universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the end of 1995 has been established as a universal commitment,

Considering also that, as a matter of principle and fairness, the number of experts on the Committee on the Rights of the Child should be the same as that for other similar legal instruments in the field of human rights,

1. Decides to support the proposed amendment to article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, replacing the word "ten" by the word "eighteen";

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2. Presents this amendment to the General Assembly for approval;

3. Expresses the hope that the General Assembly will adopt the amendment without a vote.